GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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Availability of Slots in Overseas Locations
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian carriers are able to utilise a mere half of the seats operated by foreign carriers to and from India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Federation of Indian Airlines (FIA) has approached the Government regarding non-availability of slots in overseas locations despite having flying rights;

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to ensure that domestic carriers get adequate slots?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a): No Madam. As per Summer Schedule, 2017, Indian carriers are operating 292662 seats per week while foreign carriers are operating 519657 seats per week to/from India.;

(b) to (d): Yes Madam, in December, 2015, Federation of Indian Airlines (FIA) had drawn the attention of the Government towards the non-availability of feasible slots at Dubai International Airport(DXB). The matter was taken up with the Dubai Civil Aviation Authority in January, 2016.